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FOR AHERNE FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: AVIATION WEEK

1. SECRETARY WANTS HIS LETTER TO AVIATION WEEK RELEASED BY THE SPOKESMAN AT TOMORROW'S PRESS BRIEFING. IN MAKING THE RELEASE, HE SHOULD SAY:

A. SECRETARY'S LETTER WAS DELIVERED TO AVIATION WEEK ON (FILL IN DATE), BUT THEY HAVE NOT SEEN FIT TO PUBLISH IT.

B. MAGAZINE HAS, HOWEVER, NOW SAID THAT THE ARTICLE LAST WEEK THAT LED TO THE SECRETARY'S PROTEST "IS CORRECT AS ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED." THE MAGAZINE MAKES THIS CLAIM DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE WHITE HOUSE HAS LABELED IT AS AN "OUTRAGEOUS LIE" AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS DECLARED IT TO BE FALSE, AS HAS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN A LETTER TO AVIATION WEEK.

C. DIRECTOR BUSH WILL BE RELEASING HIS LETTER TO THE PRESS TODAY AS WELL.

2. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN THE SECRETARY'S CABLE TO BUSH. WE LEAVE IT TO YOU TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE WITH HIM. IF FOR SOME REASON HE DOES NOT WANT TO RELEASE, LET ME KNOW SOONEST BUT RELEASE THE SECRETARY'S LETTER ANYWAY DELETING POINT C ABOVE BUT KEEPING REFERENCE TO BUSH DENIAL.

3. IF THERE ARE ANY FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESS ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE ARTICLE OR LETTER, SPOKESMAN SHOULD

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RESTRICT HIMSELF TO SAYING THE LETTER SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

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